

The background features a stylized graphic design. It consists of several fish-like shapes, each with a simple curved line for a body and a small black dot for an eye. These shapes are arranged in a pattern that suggests movement or a school of fish. The design is framed by thick red lines that form a partial border around the central text. There are also solid red circles scattered throughout the composition, adding to the visual balance.

ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

JUNE 12, 2016
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804. Over the past two centuries our congregation has changed, but our mission remains the same: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to “do all the good you can, in all the ways you can.”

Attendance

Please let us know of your attendance this morning by completing the pew pad.

Newcomer Orientation

We invite you to learn about the life of our church, ways you can get involved, and how to become a member by attending Newcomer Orientation, which is held every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

We offer Sunday school for children age 2 through adult each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Children

At Athens First United Methodist Church, we invite families to worship together. Children’s Church is held for children in kindergarten through grade 2 most Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Financial Report

Budget for 2016 | \$2,789,339
Amount Given YTD | \$1,334,385
Goal for May | \$202,269
Amount after 5 Sundays | \$312,896

Attendance on June 5

Total Worship | 999
Sunday School | 357
8:30 a.m. | 167
9:45 a.m. | 273
11:00 a.m. | 445
Online | 114

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The Worship of God

8:30 a.m.

THE PRELUDE

“Holy Spirit” | Bryan and Katie Torwalt

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

62 “All Creatures of Our God and King” | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!**

**O burning sun with golden beam,
and shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim and Marguerite Heery by Rip and Lee; Rusty and Ginger; Frank, James, and Ben; and Clayton, Sam and Henry Heery.

The flowers on the narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage between Katie Hilimire and Luke Mosley in our sanctuary on May 11, 2016. The flowers are given in memory of their grandparents: Mrs. Velma Craig Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Norman Mosley, Mr. and Mrs. James Oren Donald and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Levane Hilimire.

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE GLORY OF GOD | The Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Betsy Butler

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Linsey Jarrett, Director of Weekday Preschool

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

529 “How Firm a Foundation” | FOUNDATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Beth Dickinson

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Holy Spirit” | Bryan and Katie Torwalt

Sung by the Worship Team

***THE DOXOLOGY | The Old 100th**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures
here below; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 14:12-14 | p. 102 NEW TESTAMENT

THE SERMON

“Big Shoes To Fill” | Beth Dickinson

Anthem Lyrics

There’s nothing worth
more that will ever
come close. Nothing
can compare. You’re
our Living Hope. Your
presence, I’ve tasted and
seen of the sweetest of
loves. Where my heart
becomes free and my
shame is undone: Your
presence Lord. Holy Spirit
You are welcome here.
Come flood this place
and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what
our hearts long for, to
be overcome by Your
presence Lord, Your
presence Lord. Let us
become more aware of
Your presence. Let us
experience the glory of
Your goodness.

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

454 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” | OPEN MY EYES

Verse 1

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

The Prayer of Preparation

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Receiving of the Elements of Communion

At Athens First United Methodist Church, all are invited to commune at Christ's table. If you need to be served in your pew, please call this to the attention of an usher. Gluten-free communion elements are available at the center station in the front of the sanctuary.

The Music During Communion

"Seek Ye First/Spirit of the Living God"

*THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” | P. Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

* THE POSTLUDE

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God” | arr. Sikes

The Worship of God

9:45 &
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

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THE PRELUDE

“Wonderful Words” | arr. Davis

Beth Rector, organ

*THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“O Be Joyful in the Lord” | Yarrington

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

163 “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know” | HENDON

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Betsy Butler

THE WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS | 11:00 a.m.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Beth Dickinson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem Lyrics

Poor man Lazrus, sick and disabled, dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame! He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame! I'm tormented in the flame! I'm tormented in the flame! Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame! Rich man Divies, he lived so well. And when he died, he went straight to hell. Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame! I love to shout, I love to sing. I love to praise my heavenly King. Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | 11:00 a.m.

Linsey Jarrett, Director of Weekday Preschool

At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in kindergarten through grade 2 will go to Children's Church on the third floor where they may be picked up at the end of the service.

Proclamation of the Word

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Poor Man Lazrus” | Jester Hairston

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY | The Old 100th**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 14:12-14 | p. 102 NEW TESTAMENT

THE SERMON

“Big Shoes To Fill” | Beth Dickinson

Sending Forth

*** THE HYMN**

TFWS 2241 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” | LAND OF REST

***THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“We Receive Your Blessing”

We receive your blessing, we receive your grace as we walk in the light shining from your face. May the peace that you give change the way that we live. We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

*** THE POSTLUDE**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God” | arr. Sikes

Sermon Notes

The Steeple

"Go forth...with a voice of singing."

Isaiah 48:20



SAN FRANCISCO

2016 WESLEYAN YOUTH CHOIR TOUR

Home Concert

Friday, June 17 | 5:00 p.m. | Hancock Hall

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Mary Beth Kellett and David Hornbeck, who were married in our sanctuary on June 5.

Music and Arts Week | Thank You

Thank you to all who prayed for, participated in, and served at Music and Arts Week! 95 children were blessed by our volunteers and staff as they discovered they have the light of Jesus in each of them. They learned through music, art,

science, games, movement, and chapel each day how to share their light with others and make the world a better place. Thank you for your constant support of our Children's Music Ministry as we provide opportunities for children and leaders to develop in their faith.

Newcomer Orientation | Today

Everyone is invited to attend Newcomer Orientation today in the Hospitality Room. Two sessions are offered, 9:45 and

11:00 a.m. You can learn more about Athens First United Methodist, including ways to get involved and how to become a member.

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706-543-1442

Smart Lunch, Smart Kids

You are invited to join us on Wednesdays in June and July to distribute sack lunches to hungry children in our community. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. in room 100 to prepare supplies, and at 11:45 a.m. the two teams will head out. Assembly of lunches will be handled by Clarke County schools. Please email Betsy or Mary Claire if you would like to participate.

Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442
Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

Wonderlife | Women's Small Group

Wonderlife: A Not-So-Perfect Guide to Who You Are and Why You're Here, by Mike Foster (author of *Freeway*), is a small group based on four simple principles that will help you embrace the purpose God has for your life. The innovative workbook is designed to show you how to experience the joy and wonder of being the you that God made you to be. The cost of the book is \$20. Join Jennifer Foster and other women for this new small group experience on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting June 14 in room 224. For more information, contact Jennifer Foster.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration
Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Senior Fun Luncheon | June 23

Jonathan House, one of the top financial advisors in the state, and David Rome, a highly skilled attorney, will offer valuable guidance and advice at our next Senior Fun luncheon, on Thursday, June 23 at 12:30 p.m. The meal will be complimentary, courtesy of Sun Trust Investments, for all attendees. In fairness to this generosity, it is important to register as soon as possible. Additionally, a magnificent soloist, Avery Draut, will sing four beautiful songs for the occasion. To register, please call the church office. For more information, contact Dan Maxey.

Church office | 706-543-1442
Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097

Summer Worship | Sundays in July

Join us every Sunday in July for Summer Worship. Led by Julie Caldwell and a bluegrass band, Summer Worship focuses on more extensive congregational singing of old favorites, and, as always, great preaching. This year we'll offer Summer Worship at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary as well as a communion service in the chapel at 9:15 a.m. There will be no 8:30 a.m. service during the month of July. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to be a part of the worship team during Summer Worship, please contact Julie Caldwell.

Julie Caldwell | julie@athensfirstumc.org

Sack Lunch Ministry

This summer, consider volunteering to prepare and distribute sack lunches on Sunday mornings with our Sack Lunch Ministry! We have opportunities in July and August. This is a great way to serve our community with your family or friends. Please contact Mary Young or Betsy Butler for more information and available dates.

Mary Young | young.macy@gmail.com
Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org

Children's Consignment Sale

As our Annual Children's Consignment Sale approaches, here are ways you can volunteer:

1. Plan to attend Tagging Tuesdays this summer (every Tuesday in June and July) to help sort and tag clothes.
2. Volunteer to help August 8-13 to organize, hang, and price clothing.
3. Volunteer to help during the sale: inventory control, check-out attendant, and cashiers.

All volunteers get to shop at the preview sale on Thursday evening, August 11! Proceeds to this year's sale will go to support foster care efforts in the Athens area. Please bring items to room 103. Contact Mary Claire with any questions.
Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

This Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 | LUKE 7:11-17

Wesleyan Youth Choir Summer Tour

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
- Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR
- 9:00 a.m. **Fun Gym** GYM
- 9:45 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
- Adult Sunday School** SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING
- Preschool Nursery & Sunday School** FIRST FLOOR
- Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel** FIRST FLOOR
- Youth Sunday School: First Word** FIRST FLOOR
- Newcomer Orientation** HOSPITALITY ROOM
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
- Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR
- Newcomer Orientation** HOSPITALITY ROOM

MONDAY, JUNE 13 | LUKE 7:36-50

Wesleyan Youth Choir Summer Tour

- 11:00 a.m. **Pilot Connect & Grow Groups** ROOM 226

TUESDAY, JUNE 14 | LUKE 8:1-3

Wesleyan Youth Choir Summer Tour

- 9:30 a.m. **Tagging Tuesdays** ROOM 103
- 10:00 a.m. **Our Daily Bread** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
- 1:00 p.m. **Tagging Tuesdays** ROOM 103
- 6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM
- 6:30 p.m. **Wonderlife | Women's Bible Study** ROOM 224
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 | I KINGS 21:1-16

Wesleyan Youth Choir Summer Tour

- 11:30 a.m. **Smart Lunch, Smart Kid** ROOM 100
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters | Women's Bible Study** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 5:45 p.m. **Men's Prayer Group** ROOM 226
- 6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM
- 6:30 p.m. **Pilot Connect & Grow Groups** ROOM 226

THURSDAY, JUNE 16 | I KINGS 21:17-21A

Wesleyan Youth Choir Summer Tour

- 8:00 a.m. **Senior Fun Trip | Flatrock, NC** DEPARTING FROM THE KOHLS' PARKING
- 10:30 a.m. **Summer Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM
- 7:00 p.m. **Connect Group (Young Adult)** ROOM 222

FRIDAY, JUNE 17 | PSALM 5:1-8

- 5:00 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Home Concert** HANCOCK HALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 | GALATIANS 2:15-21

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